

Exhibit A. State of Maryland, Frederick County, Oct:

I John A. Ronger, Register of Wills for Frederick County, do hereby certify and attest that on the 14th day of April 1876 Letters of Administration were granted by the Orphans Court of Frederick County Maryland to Lewis O. Butler on the Estate of Joseph Butler late of Frederick County, the said Lewis O. Butler having given bond with John R. Shafer & Thomas H. Williard sureties in the sum Five hundred and fifty (\$550.00) dollars amount money for the due performance of his said Administration.



In testimony whereof I hereunto set my hand and affix the seal of Office this 6th of May 1876.

Test,

John A. Ronger Register of Wills of Frederick County.

Filed May 6 1876

Subpoena Maryland Oct



The State of Maryland to Mary Brooks and Henry Brooks her husband of Frederick County, Greeting You are hereby commanded that all excuses set apart you personally appear before the Judge of the Circuit Court for Frederick County sitting as a Court of Equity to be held at the Court House in Frederick Town in and for said County on the Second Monday of May next to answer the bill and complaint of Lewis O. Butler Administrator of Joseph Butler decd against you in said Court exhibited and so forth.

Hereof fail you not as you will answer the contrary at your peril Witness the Honorable Richard J. Bowie Chief Judge of our said Court the 21st day of February 1876 Signed the 6th day of May 1876

To the Sheriff of Frederick County

Endorsed "Summoned"

John Lussadner Sheriff

Thomas Gorsuch

Clerk

Filed May 8 1876

Interlocutory Decree Lewis O. Butler Administrator of Joseph Butler decd

vs

Mary Brooks and Henry Brooks her husband

No 4161 Equity

In the Circuit Court for Frederick County, as a Court of Equity September Term 1876

The Defendants in this cause having been duly summoned to appear and answer the bill of complaint filed in this cause and having failed to appear and answer the same.

It is thereupon this 31st day of October A D 1876 by the Circuit Court for Frederick County as a Court of Equity and by the authority thereof adjudged ordered and decreed that the Complainant is entitled to relief in the premises but because defendant doth not certainly appear to what relief the Complainant is entitled it is further adjudged and ordered that a Commission issue to the standing Commissioners of this Court to take testimony to support the allegations of the bill

Filed Oct 31 1876

John A. Lynch Judge of the Cir Court

Commission to take Testimony

Maryland Oct



The State of Maryland To Wm B. Nelson and J. C. Wood Esqs of Frederick County, Greeting As it knoweth, that you are appointed Commissioners to examine evidence in a cause depending in the